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The Examiner requires that claims of either

Group I:

claims 1-21, drawn to a hydrogel composition;

Group II:

claims 22-26, drawn to an electrode;

Group III:

claims 27-28, drawn to a method of increasing

transdermal flux;

Group IV:

claims 29-32, drawn to a method of determining the

concentration of an analyte;

be elected for prosecution.

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Applicants elect to prosecute ${f Group\ I}$ (claims 1-21). This election is made without traverse.

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